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Read the following papers :—

No. 9. From C. W. READE, Esq., Collector of South Arcot, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George ; dated Cuddalore, 7th May 1867, No. 25.

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2. I do not think that Government are aware of the consequences of this order and of the interests it affects, or I can hardly imagine they would peremptorily close an Institution so valued and prized as the Branch Dispensary of Old Town, Cuddalore.

3. In paragraph 3 of the Inspector General's letter, recorded with the Proceedings of Government under present acknowledgment, the abolition of the Branch Dispensary, it is true, is suggested, but under the apparent belief that, as recently done at Trichinopoly, the Branch can be readily amalgamated with the parent Institution. I am not acquainted with Trichinopoly, but possibly there may have been no difficulty to the arrangement of combining the Branch with the main Dispensary as regards locality and distance, but in Cuddalore it is very different. The Civil Dispensary is situated at Munjacoopum, which is upwards of three miles from the Cuddalore town. The Native population of the latter itself, apart from its extensive suburbs, is upwards of 37,000, and there is besides a large resident population of Europeans and East Indians, comprising the families or the descendants of the old Depôt pensioners, and there are likewise about thirty (30) European pensioned soldiers, who, from old associations, still cling to the place. Now for all these classes the Branch Dispensary has been invaluable, particularly since the abolition of the Depôt Hospital in May 1864, and I have no hesitation in stating that many old pensioners, as well as others, would have died from neglect, under pressure of sickness or disease, had the Branch Institution not existed. On this subject, I may refer to paragraphs 4 and 5 of my letter to Government of the 19th August 1864, recorded in Proceedings, Military Department, No. 3225, of the 13th September 1864, and the claims of the pensioners and their families were fully recognized in the orders then passed ; so that I feel I have only to solicit the attention of Government to the serious deprivation which these poor people will suffer by the abolition of the Dispensary to ensure a reconsideration of their present resolve.

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700 convicts, and this and the Civil Dispensary (distant three miles apart) have daily to be visited by the Zillah Surgeon, absorbing nearly the whole of his time, and in the event of his sudden illness, or temporary absence, there will hereafter be no responsible Medical Officer to undertake these duties, or to whom the public will be able, with any confidence or satisfaction, to look for treatment on emergency. Native Surgeon Rajandrum's presence has hitherto supplied the want, and possibly Government may hardly have weighed the medical requirements of the place, and especially those of the present over-crowded Jail; for, in view of the scattered character of the station of Cuddalore, it seems to me a serious risk to have but one Medical Officer of superior grade on whom the entire responsibility is thrown, without any one competent on emergency to take his place, or perform his duties.

6. I desire earnestly to press on Government the need there is for the appointment of some Medical Officer of higher grade than a Dresser; for, on Mr. Rajandrum's departure, a Dresser will be the next in rank to the Zillah Surgeon, so that I hope Government may be pleased to reconsider their present orders, and to allow the continuance of the Branch Dispensary, and as well nominate an Apothecary, or some Officer of equal grade, to its special charge, and thus relieve the anxiety now very generally felt by the entire population of Old Town, and especially by the pensioners and their families; and I may add that the European society of the station fully share in this anxiety, for the reasons I have explained.

7. But if Government are unable at present to depute a superior Medical Subordinate, I would, with every deference, still urge the importance of appointing an additional 1st Class Dresser to the temporary charge of the Dispensary in Old Town, for, otherwise, the injury and distress occasioned to all classes who now resort to it will really be most serious; and knowing, as I do personally, how invaluable a blessing this little Institution has been, I feel it my duty, on their behalf, to plead with Government for its continued support and maintenance as heretofore.

Referred to the Inspector General, Medical Department, for his remarks.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,

28th May 1867.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,

Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector General, Medical Department, with letter No. 28.

No. 10. From C. W. READE, Esq., Collector of South Arcot, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Cuddalore, 17th May 1867, No. 28.

In continuation of my letter of the 7th instant, No. 25, on the subject of the closing of the Branch Dispensary of Old Town, Cuddalore, I have the honor to inform Government that, on a reference made to me by Native Surgeon Rajandrum, I requested him to continue his services until his departure, or, if he were unable to do so, I informed him that I would make other arrangements, and I purposed appointing my own Office Dresser to the charge of the Institution, pending the orders of Government on my reference.

2. Mr. Rajandrum, in acknowledging my instructions, has sent me the original of the enclosure* A, in which he urges his claims on the Dispensary building,

* Letter dated 15th May 1867, No. 20.

and, at the same time, seeks my support of his desire to remain in charge, grounded on his acceptableness to the people, and the deep interest he has taken in working out the important objects of a Dispensary of the kind, as well pecuniarily as professionally.

3. The Native Surgeon had previously put forth his claims to the building, and copy of his letter† I enclose, together with the testimonials submitted with it

† Enclosure B, dated 11th May 1867, No. 18.

by Mr. Rajandrum, which he received some years back, on the occasion of some successful operation performed by him.

4. It is with pleasure I am able to record my testimony to the zealous, and active labors of Mr. Rajandrum at all times since my advent to the District, and I can also speak to the appreciation in which he is held by the community in general; and, perhaps, after so long a tenure of office here, and on the eve of leaving, it is only due to him that his services should thus be certified; but, as I have informed him, it would be going out of my province if I ventured to interfere with the orders of Government disposing of the services of any Medical Officer, since Government alone can know best where those services are most needed and can be turned to most account.

5. Government may possibly be unaware of the extent of usefulness which this little Branch Dispensary has accomplished since it was opened, and it may

* Enclosure C.

not, therefore, be out of place to forward the last Annual Report* made up to 31st December 1866, and which I think will

be accepted as gratifying evidence of the value of the Institution, the sphere of usefulness it occupies, and the estimation in which the services of the Native Surgeon in charge have been always held; and if a consideration of these facts should operate with the Government, and help to induce a reconsideration of their recent orders, so far as to secure a continuance of the Branch Dispensary and the supply of medicines and medical treatment, as suggested in my former letter, now before Government, the Native public, and, in particular, the pensioners and their families in Old Town, will, I am confident, feel deeply grateful; and all those fears and anxieties which have sprung up with the report of the contemplated abolition of the Institution will at once cease, to their great comfort and relief.

ENCLOSURE A.

From J. RAJANDRUM, Native Surgeon, to the Collector and Magistrate of South Arcot; dated Old Town, Cuddalore, 15th May 1867, No. 20.

In reference to your Official Memorandum, No. 409, dated 14th instant, I respectfully beg to inform you that, in obedience to your directions, therein contained, I now continue keeping open the Old Town Dispensary temporarily, pending a reply to your communication to Government in behalf of this Institution.

2. I, therefore, most deferentially beg to submit that, while I am thus continuing my services conditionally in the Old Town Dispensary, as directed, till my departure from the station to Ramnad, any how, to avoid any future reference on the subject, and to meet at the same time the existing contingency, the fact of my services being temporarily and conditionally retained here may at once be informed to Government, along with a recommendation to my claims on the building of the Old Town Dispensary, brought to your favorable notice in my letter, No. 18, dated 11th instant, and submission to the benevolent disposal of Government.

3. I entreat that you will kindly do the needful at your earliest convenience, and also will be so good as to bring, if you deem fit, to the special consideration of Government my acceptableness to the people of this place, and of the services, labor, and interest I had taken under you, in every way, in the establishment and working of this Dispensary, and with which you are fully acquainted for the last seven years or more.

4. I humbly venture to request this the more, as, since you have already written in behalf of this Institution, for its retention for the use of the European and Native population in Old Town and of the surrounding taluqs, my case may also be forwarded to the Inspector General, through Government, for reconsideration, with a view to ascertain whether my services also may be retained here, or otherwise, as you may kindly deem fit and proper to recommend, and to represent my claims and acceptableness, &c.

ENCLOSURE B.

From J. RAJANDRUM, Native Surgeon, to the Collector and Magistrate of South Arcot; dated Old Town Cuddalore, 11th May 1867, No. 18.

As, soon after my closing this Institution in a day or two, agreeably to orders received, I am about submitting my claims on the building of the Old Town Dispensary to the Inspector General, who has called on me to inform as to whether the building at present occupied as Branch Dispensary is Government or private property, I most respectfully beg to bring the same to your kind notice, in order that you may kindly support my cause, after my departure to Ramnad, or on any reference being made to you regarding this building on any future occasion.

2. I do this in all due deference, as, being the patron and supporter of this Institution you are fully acquainted for the last seven years or more with my working, and the interest and trouble I had taken in the cause and operation of the Old Town Dispensary under you.

3. It may be remembered, Sir, that, excepting the amount of Rupees 300, which was kindly advanced by you as grant-in-aid, the building was erected entirely by private contributions.

4. The total cost, as can be ascertained by having the building now valued, has been Rupees 2033, viz., the grant-in-aid from the Local Funds, Rupees 300; local subscriptions from the people, Rupees 529-3-8; and private contribution from myself, Rupees 1233. This I did from time to time, as occasion required, for erecting an additional ward, building a cook-house, raising the height of the compound walls, putting up another wall, cleaning and parapetting a well in the compound, repairing and whitewashing the building periodically, and levelling and raising the compound, &c.; but the present Municipal Assessor's estimated value of the building is Rupees 2400.

5. All these I did at the time, feeling that I was settled down here, and that it is advantageous to have a finished Hospital to conduct the duties in; but, under the circumstances I am now placed in, and as I am anxious to leave Cuddalore as soon as possible to join my station, Ramnad, I respectfully beg to submit the following points to your favorable consideration and disposal, and to attach, in support thereto, copies of testimonials given to me by the people, regarding my working for their benefit in the Old Town Dispensary, Cuddalore.

A. My earnest petition is that, as Government have abolished the Old Town Dispensary, the privilege of purchasing the building may be granted to me; I paying back to Government their grant of Rupees 300, together with a moiety of the public subscription then collected for the building purpose.

B. Should, however, the building be required for any local purposes, then, also, I humbly crave that, in order that my interests in it may not altogether be lost to me, I may be allowed to purchase the building through my people here on the above condition, and to rent it for any local purposes it may be required in this place.

6. In conclusion, I beg to inform you, Sir, that the present state of the building is very leaky, and requires substantial repairs to preserve the building during the ensuing rainy season, and that the tax of Rupees 12 per annum on the building is due to the Cuddalore Municipality.

No. 1.

To Mr. J. RAJANDRUM, G. M. C. M.,

Native Surgeon, Cuddalore.

SIR,

We, the undersigned inhabitants of Old Town Cuddalore, beg to inform you that we have this day presented an address to C. J. Rogers, Esq., the Zillah Surgeon, praying that a Dispensary may be established in our town, for the benefit of our families and ourselves, as we have now ready a neat suitable building rented at our own expense for the above purpose; and we further asked him to do us the needful, and also to put you in charge of that Institution, so that we may conveniently go to you and receive advice and treatment in time of sickness, as we have every confidence in you, and as we feel, we have assured Dr. Rogers in his address, we cannot say too much of you or the appreciation in which you are held by us. We think, however, we will not be doing justice to you if we let this opportunity pass without fully expressing our heart-felt thanks for the ready kindness with which you have, without minding the distance of Old Town, attended to our wants at all times, whether day or night, when your advice and assistance were sought for during the illness of any one of ourselves or of our families. Believe us, Sir, we assure you, that it is from these, and from the good results that have followed your treatment and suggestions, as well as the benefit derived from those rules of health which you on every opportunity impressed upon us, and the part you took in the sanitary improvement of our town, that we have been led clearly to see the superiority of the European method of medicine, and to exert ourselves for the establishment of a Dispensary in the heart of our town, so that your undivided service may be secured for our and our families' benefit, and comfort, with convenience to all.

Praying that you may be long spared with health and strength,

We remain, &c.,

CUDDALORE,
25th April 1860.

(Signed) RAMANA CHETTY,
and others.

No. 2.

To Mr. J. RAJANDRUM, G. M. C. M.,

Native Surgeon, Cuddalore.

SIR,

Actuated by feelings of gratitude and a deep sense of esteem and regard, we, the undersigned, beg to embrace the present opportunity to convey and testify to you our appreciation of your work, and of the valuable services you have, at all times of our sickness and bodily distress, so cheerfully rendered to us, without studying your own convenience, time, or benefit.

2. On the late occasion of the imperfect birth of a child in the family of our respected friend G. Sooba Row, it was your eminent professional skill that set the imperfection right, and it is solely to your valuable surgical aid we owe the preservation of its life, to the great comfort of ourselves and of the parents and relatives of the child.

3. In token of our gratitude, and as a memento of the valuable aid we have received, we desire to present you with a gold guard chain, as a small, though inadequate, return for the assistance which you have been pleased freely and most willingly to afford us on all occasions of your services being required.

Wishing you long life and every success in your profession,

We beg to remain, &c.,

CUDDALORE,
25th August 1864.

(Signed) GAMBRER SOOBA ROW,
*Treasurer, South Arcot,
and many others.*

ENCLOSURE C.

ANNUAL REPORT of the Old Town Dispensary, Cuddalore, for the year ending 31st December 1866.

Number of Sick.....	9,083
Remained, 31st December 1865, Out-patients.....	43
Do. do. In-patients.....	5
Total.....	48
Admitted, Out-patients.....	8,945
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Total.....	9,083
Discharged, Out-patients.....	8,923
Do. In-patients.....	137
Total.....	9,060
Died, Out-patients.....	21
Do. In-patients.....	2
Total.....	23
Remaining, 31st December 1866, Out-patients.....	44
Do. do. do. In-patients.....	4
Total.....	48
Average number of sick, Out-patients.....	96½
Do. do. do. In-patients.....	7
Total.....	103½

General Observations.

It is a matter of thankfulness that the periodical Epidemic Cholera did not visit the population of our town, Old Cuddalore, during the past year; but several cases of Loose Bowels, and these in a few instances with severe symptoms of "Choleraic Diarrhoea," came under Dispensary care, and were treated with success. The number admitted was 171, and that died 9. Most number of Diarrhoea cases, as well as others included under the head of diseases of the stomach and bowels, has occurred during January, October, November, and December months, the season during which is always found to prove generally unhealthy in this coast. The 23 cases of Spasmodic Cholera shown in the return occurred in the distant villages beyond the limits of the town. Of these, one died.

The treatment pursued in these cases was Patterson's Pills without opium, Compound Chalk Mixture with Tincture Catechu, Colombe Arrack, and nourishment, &c.

The total number of patients treated at the Dispensary during the year under review has been as follows:—

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showing a slight decrease of 36 in the former, which is somewhat counterbalanced by a comparative increase (seven) in the latter.

The Dispensary is self-supporting, and, except medicines and Medical Adviser from Government, all other aid towards its support is obtained from local sources. In one sense, it has taken the place of the late Depôt Hospital, and is now proving in every way useful to the European

pensioners and their families, as well as to the Native inhabitants of the town, and of the contiguous taluqs situated towards the south of the District, all of whom resort to it for treatment and advice.

3. Since last report, additions have been made to the building in the erection of a cook-house, and in the raising up of a part of the compound wall to a sufficient height—all at a cost of Rupees 251.

4. The balance sheet attached will show the income and expenditure during the past year.

5. There have been no cases calling for capital operations, but many minor ones, such as removal of Tumors, operations for Fistulas, Phymoses, Anthrax, &c., have been performed with success.

6. In conclusion, I beg to certify that the orders respecting the custody of poisonous drugs, issued by the Principal Inspector General, Medical Department, dated 23rd January 1863, are fully carried.

OLD TOWN, CUDDALORE,
1st January 1867.

(Signed) J. RAJANDRUM,
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SUPPLEMENTARY ANNUAL REPORT of the Old Town Dispensary, Cuddalore, for the year ending 31st December 1866.

Since submitting the Annual Report of the Old Town Dispensary, Cuddalore, for the past year, active steps have been taken, in concert with the Collector of the District, for raising funds sufficient for the future independent support of this charity, which, as will be observed by its working, is daily and steadily proving more and more useful to all who resort to it for treatment and advice. That this is the case has been annually seen by the personal inspection of the Deputy Inspector General of Hospitals, Southern Division, who has been here on his tour this day, and was pleased with its working. In time, or by next report, I hope to be enabled to show that the endeavours put forth for collecting a capital fund for the permanent maintenance of the Old Town Dispensary has met with that success which is due to a benevolent cause or undertaking.

OLD TOWN, CUDDALORE,
23rd January 1867.

(Signed) J. RAJANDRUM,
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No. 11. From the Inspector General, Medical Department, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Fort Saint George, 14th June 1867, No. 230.

In returning the correspondence referred for my remarks with your docket of the 28th ultimo, I have the honor to state, for the information of Government, that, from the reports of the working of the Cuddalore Branch Dispensary, and the presumption, from the length of time which has elapsed since the Invalid Depôt was done away with, that the number of pensioners still residing at the place had very considerably diminished, the abolition of the Institution was recommended under the conviction that it was no longer necessary, that the wants of the station would be fully and satisfactorily met by the parent Dispensary, and that the work of both localities could be easily overtaken by the Zillah Surgeon.

2. As, however, the Collector of the District, from his personal knowledge of the place, urges the continuance of the Branch Hospital, and adduces strong reasons in support of his recommendation, especially in the interests of the European pensioners and their families, who, according to Mr. Reade's statement, appear to be far more numerous than this office previously was aware of, or had any reason to believe could be the case, Government, in its benevolence, may be pleased to direct that the Institution be continued on its former footing.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
2nd July 1867.*

3. Like all other Civil Dispensaries, it is self-supporting, Government only contributing the usual European medicines and medical establishment, which latter consists simply of a Native Surgeon.

4. In the event of Government being pleased to reconsider its previous Order*, I do not recommend the removal of Native Surgeon Rajandrum, to whose instrumentality the Institution appears to be mainly indebted for its origin and usefulness.

* Paragraph 2 of No. 408, 24th April 1867.

5. His transfer to Ramnad was submitted only on the understanding that his Dispensary at Cuddalore was to be abolished, and in consequence of the qualifications he has shown himself to possess for successfully organizing and conducting Native Institutions of this kind.

6. In his stead, I have the honor to submit, for employment at Ramnad, the name of Native Surgeon Anthony Pillay, now at Madura, whose services can be at once available.

7. Government have already applied for the addition of a 3rd Class Hospital Assistant on account of this Hospital.

No. 12. ORDER THEREON, 2nd July 1867, No. 764.

Under the circumstances set forth in the letters of the Inspector General, Medical Department, and of the Collector of the South Arcot District, and in consideration of the proved utility of the Branch Dispensary at Cuddalore, the Governor in Council resolves to cancel so much of the Order of Government, No. 408, dated 24th April 1867, as directs that the Branch Dispensary at Cuddalore be closed, and that Native Surgeon J. Rajandrum be placed in charge of the Dispensary to be opened on the Ramnad Estate.

2. The Governor in Council approves and sanctions the recommendation of the Inspector General, Medical Department, that Native Surgeon Anthony Pillay, now at Madura, be placed in charge of the Ramnad Estate Dispensary, with the assistance sanctioned in the Order of Government dated 24th April 1867.

(True Extract).

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector General, Medical Department.

„ Collector of South Arcot.

„ Collector of Madura.

„ Accountant General.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

No 25

From

C. H. P. R. E. J. E.
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I am the humble
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Your most obedient Servant

South West
Cotton Office
Cincinnati
7th May 1867

Charles Deane
Collector

No 28

Ann.

C. W. Deane Esq
(Master of the vessel.)

Esq.
Honble A. J. Arbutnot
Chief Secretary of Government
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Resident of the
Fort St. George

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departure or if he were
unable to do so, I informed
him that I would make
other arrangements, and I
purposed appointing my
own Office Deputer to the
charge of the Institution
pending the order of
Government on my reference.

2. Mr. Rajandran
in acknowledging my
instructions has sent me the
original of the ~~rule~~ ^{rule} in
which he sets out his claims
on the Dispensary building,
and at the same time seeks
my support of his desire to
remain in charge founded
on his usefulness to the
people and the deep interest
he has taken in working
out

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out the important objects of a
Dispensary of the kind as
well primarily as professionally.

3. The Native Surgeon
has previously sent forth his
claims to the Building, and
copy of his letter I enclose
together with the testimonials
submitted with it by Mr. Rajandran
which he received some years
back on the occasion of some
successful operation performed
by him.

4. It is with pleasure
I am able to record my
testimony to the zealous and
active labors of Mr. Rajandran
at all times since my advent
to the District, and I can
also speak to the appreciation
in which he is held by the
community

community in general, & perhaps
after so long a tenure of
office here and on the eve
of leaving it is only due to
him that his services should
thus be certified. But as I
have informed him it would
be going out of my province
if I ventured to interfere
with the orders of Government
disposing of the services of my
Medical Officers since Government
alone can know best where
those services are most needed
I can be turned to most account.
5. Government may
possibly be unaware of the
extent of usefulness which this
little Branch Dispensary has
accomplished since it was
opened, and it may not
therefore be out of place
to

Enclosure C
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to forward the last Annual
Report made up to 31st
December 1866, and which, I
think will be accepted as a
gratifying evidence of the
value of the Institution, the
sphere of usefulness it
occupies, and the estimation
in which the services of the
Native Surgeon in charge
have been always held;
and if a consideration of
these facts should operate
with the Government and help
to induce a reconsideration
of their recent orders as far
as to secure a continuance
of the Branch Dispensary
and the supply of medicines
& medical treatment as
suggested in my former
letter.

letter now before Government
the Native Public, and in
particular the Pensioners
and their families in
old Town, will, I am
confident, feel deeply
grateful, and all those
fears and anxieties which
have sprung up with the
report of the contemplated
abolition of the Institution
will at once cease to their
great comfort & relief.

I have the honour to be,
Sir

Your obedient servant

With most
Cordial
Greetings
17th May 1867.

Charles Leake
Collector



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The Chief Secretary to Government, *Public* Dept.
Fort Saint George.

In returning the correspondence referred for my remarks with your docket of the 28th ultimo, I have the honor to state for the information of Government that from the reports of the working of the Cuddalore Branch Dispensary and the presumption, from the length of time which has elapsed since the Invalid Depot was done away with, that the number of Pensioners still residing at the place had very considerably diminished, the abolition of the Institution was recommended under the conviction that it was no longer necessary, that the wants of the station would be fully and satisfactorily met by the Parent Dispensary, and that the works of both localities could be easily overtaken by the Civil Surgeon.

2. He, however, the Collector of the District, from his personal knowledge of the place, urges the continuance of the Branch Hospital and adduces strong reasons in support

support of his recommendation; especially in the interests of the European Pensioners and their families, who, according to Mr. Peades' statement, appear to be far more numerous than this Office previously was aware of, or had any reason to believe could be the case, Government in its benevolence may be pleased to direct that the Institution be continued on its former footing.

3. Like all other Civil Dispensaries it is self supporting, Government only contributing the usual European medicines and Medical Establishment, which latter consists simply of a Native Surgeon.

4. In the event of Government being pleased to reconsider its previous Order, I do not recommend the removal of Native Surgeon Rajantheram, to whose instrumentality the institution appears to be mainly indebted for its origin and usefulness.

5. His transfer to Ramnad was submitted only on the understanding that his Dispensary at Cuddalore was to be abolished and in consequence of the qualification he has shown himself to possess for successfully organising and conducting Native Institutions of this kind.

6. In his stead, I have the honor to submit for employment at Ramnad the

the name of Native Surgeon Anthony Pillay, now at Madurai, whose services can be at once available.

7. Government have already applied for the addition of a 3rd class Hospital Assistant on account of this Hospital.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedient Servant

H. MacKenzie Esq

Inspector General

Surg. Med. Dept.

* Para 2 of N° 408.
24th April 1867-

J. d. P. W. C. M. H.

Public Department

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter

From the Colr of South Arcot. Dated 7th + 17th May 1867 No. 25 + 28.
Supt Genl Med Dept. 14 June 1867. No 230.

ORDER THEREON 2nd July 1867 No 764.

Under the circumstances set forth in the letters of the Inspector General Medical Department and of the Collector of the South Arcot District, and in consideration of the proved utility of the Branch Dispensary at Cuddalore, the Governor in Council resolves to cancel so much of the Order of Government No 1108 dated 24th April 1867, as directs that the Branch Dispensary at Cuddalore

W. M.

Recd. 2nd July

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to the Collector of South Arcot
Supt Genl Med Dept.

to the Collector of South Arcot
Public Dept.

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Remarks that you may be pleased to think that the satisfaction of the Board being 11. 1867. be continued in its power.

Madalore be closed,
and that Native Surgeon
S. Rajantheram be placed
in charge of the Dispensary
to be opened on the
Rammad Estate.

2. The Governor in
Council ~~approved and signified~~
~~the~~ recommendation of the
Inspector General Medical
Department, ^{that} Native Surgeon
Anthony Villay now at
Madura, be placed in
charge of the Rammad
Estate Dispensary with
the assistance sanctioned
in the G.O. dated 21st to
April 1867.

To the Supr Genl Medl Dept.
Col. of South Arcot.
Madura,
Accom^d General.

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